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Applicants: William E. Ortyn et al. Attorney Docket No: BIOL0038

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Bellevue, Washington 98004

November 28, 2005

## TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2005, and the Request for a Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as set forth below and that the Examiner consider the application in view of these amendments and the Remarks that follow. The claims are amended as noted below.

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